

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A damping device comprising a differential ~~eylinder,~~cylinder having a cylinder chamber and a piston rod side ring chamber, a tank, first and second hydraulic units, a hydraulic accumulator, and an electric motor associated with the hydraulic units, wherein the ~~first hydraulic unit is arranged in the pressure medium flow path between the tank and a piston rod side ring chamber and the second hydraulic unit is arranged in the pressure medium flow path between the ring chamber and a cylinder chamber.~~second hydraulic unit is arranged in a pressure medium flow path between the ring chamber and the cylinder chamber and the first hydraulic unit is arranged in a pressure medium flow path between the tank and the ring chamber whereby the pressure medium flow path is bypassing the second hydraulic unit.

15. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the hydraulic units each have a variable displacement volume.

16. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the electric motor drives the hydraulic units.

17. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 15, wherein a pressure transducer for measuring a pressure prevailing in the ring chamber and/or in the cylinder chamber is provided for adjusting the pivoting angles or displacement volumes of the hydraulic units.

18. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 15, wherein in the cylinder chamber and/or in the range of the hydraulic accumulator a pressure

transducer is provided for measuring an accumulator pressure and the accumulator charge of the hydraulic accumulator and for adaptation to the static load.

19. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the electric motor is adapted to be driven through the intermediary of at least one of the hydraulic units and thus may be utilized as a generator.

20. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein in the quasi-static condition a pressure approximately twice as high as in the ring chamber prevails in the cylinder chamber.

21. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the piston of the differential cylinder is fixedly mounted, and the cylinder jacket of the differential cylinder is guided in an axially displaceable manner.

22. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the cylinder jacket of the differential cylinder is fixedly mounted, and the piston of the differential cylinder is guided in an axially displaceable manner.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the ring chamber is sealed against the external environment and/or against the cylinder chamber through the intermediary of a gap seal.

25. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 24, wherein the gap seal is formed by an annular gap between piston-side surfaces and cylinder jacket-side surfaces.

26. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 25, wherein beyond a leakage port, the annular gap is sealed against the external environment through the intermediary of at least one sealing member.

27. (Previously Presented) A cable-stayed bridge comprising the damping device in accordance with claim 14.